

# Cattle Building

Herrick Archives Number H 205

## A. IDENTIFICATION & LOCATION

### 1. Name

1.1 The building was never officially named by Board of Trustees action.

1.2 Names noted:

It was built as a cattle barn and was commonly called the "cattle barn" or "cattle building."

Other names noted on maps and drawings are:

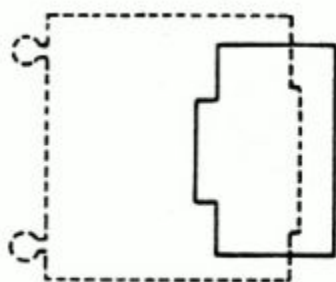
Old Cattle Barn  
Civil Engineering Building  
Soils Laboratory  
Farm Crops Laboratory  
Storage Building  
Utility Building  
Utility Storage Barn  
Utility Storage Building

See Addendum No. 2, 4, 5

### 2. Location

2.1 Located at the approximate location of Building 279. See sketch below and map in report for Building 279.

See Addendum No. 1



□--Building 279  
□--Building H 205

### 3. General Description

3.1 Type of construction:

" ...ordinary construction not fire resisting. " Exterior of red texture brick. Red roof tile.  
(McC 2:288)

3.2 No. of stories:

Front part (east) basement and one story; two rear wings, one story (McC 2: 268).

3. 3 Increments of construction:

No additions.

3. 4 Area of building was 24,944 square feet (McC 2:284).

3. 5 Volume of building was 334 340 cubic feet (McC 2:284).

## B. PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION

1. On March 15, 1907 the Board of Trustees approved the plans and related documents prepared by George S. Mills and authorized the solicitation of bids by contractors.

2. On April 17, 1907 the Board of Trustees awarded contracts to the following contractors:

General: William J. Spear

Electrical: McMaster Electric Construction Co.

Plumbing & gas fitting: Samuel A. Esswein Heating & Plumbing Co.

3. Completion and occupancy:

3. 1 The building was accepted by the Board of Trustees on January 15, 1908.

3. 2 McCracken (2:288) says the building was constructed in 1907. Since it was formally accepted in mid-January of 1908, it is not unlikely that it was completed in 1907.

3. 3 The building was dedicated February 12, 1908 (L 2/19/08).

## C. DEMOLITION

The Board of Trustees on June 10, 1965 authorized demolition of the building.

See Addendum No. 3

## D. COST

1. McCracken listed the cost at \$35, 000 (McC 2:288).

2. The last listing in the Business Office reports was at \$35, 646, 50.

## E. MISCELLANEOUS

1. After the new cattle barns were built west of the river (H 301 and 005), this building served many purposes.

A portion of it was remodeled as a veterinary isolation hospital under contracts awarded by the Board of Trustees on February 12, 1951. The alternate names listed above suggest users of the building.

2. Later some use of part of the building was made for experimental animal surgery by the College of Medicine.

## F. PHOTOGRAPHS

1. In Photoarchives:

X 7648

2. Others:

McC 2: 134

Hooper: 95 (building in foreground)

John H. Herrick  
May 11, 1972

**ADDENDUM NO. 1**

The address of this building was 2017 Neil Avenue.

John H. Herrick  
February 9, 1976

**ADDENDUM NO. 2**

Reference to this building as the "General Utility Building" has been found.

John H. Herrick  
March 16, 1976

**ADDENDUM NO. 3**

This building was demolished by the Cleveland Wrecking Co. in 1965 (PP). Records in Physical Plant do not record the completion date.

John H. Herrick  
August 4, 1978

**ADDENDUM NO. 4**

The Agricultural Student for February 1908 carried a picture of this building with the inaccurate caption "New Horse Barn."

John H. Herrick  
May 16, 1979

**ADDENDUM NO. 5**

Inspection of old campus maps reveals the following additional names for this building:

Cattle Barn

Cow Barn

John H. Herrick  
November 13, 1979